

What is Claimed is:

1. A device for removing lice and nits from the affected hair and scalp of an individual, comprising:

5 first and second blade members, each having opposed edge portions, in combination, configured to form a plurality of diametrically variable apertures along the length thereof; and

means for movably retaining said first and second blade members parallel and adjacent to one another with their respective opposed edge portions in offset parallel  
10 planes along their respective longitudinal axes, whereby said first and second blade members are selectively moved toward one another to form said apertures with hairs captively and circumferentially held therebetween, said plurality of apertures being configured to thereafter provide via combing movement of said first and second blades a scraping action against the entrapped hairs for removing lice and nits therefrom.

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2. The device of claim 1, wherein the apertures are each diamond-shaped.

3. The device of Claim 1, wherein the movably retaining means further comprises:  
a first elongate element extending away from the first blade member;

20 a second elongate element extending away from the second blade member; and

a pivot connecting an intermediate portion of the first elongate member to an intermediate portion of the second elongate member to provide scissor vise-like movement.

5     4.     The device of Claim 1, comprising:

a plurality of spaced-apart first protrusions extending along the edge portion of the first blade member; and

a plurality of spaced-apart second protrusions extending along the opposed edge portion of the second blade member.

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5.     The device of Claim 4, wherein the plurality of first protrusions overlaps the plurality of the second protrusions when the first and second blade members are moved toward one another, for providing said plurality of apertures therebetween.

15     6.     The device of Claim 4, wherein each of said plurality of first protrusions are in positional alignment with the associated ones of said plurality of second protrusions, respectively.

20     7.     The device of Claim 5, wherein each of said plurality of first protrusions are in positional alignment with the associated ones of said plurality of second protrusions, respectively.

8. The device of Claim 6, wherein the apertures are each formed in combination by a first gap located between adjacent first protrusions and a corresponding second gap located between adjacent second protrusions, with their associated first and second blade members moved into an overlapping position with one another.
9. The device of Claim 4, wherein the first and second protrusions are saw-tooth shaped.
10. The device of Claim 5, wherein the first and second protrusions are saw-tooth shaped.
11. The device of Claim 3, wherein the first and second blade members are oriented at an angle to the first and second elongate elements, respectively.
12. The device of Claim 11, wherein the angle is 90°.
13. The device of Claim 1, wherein said first and second blade members each consist of a single piece of plastic material.

14. The device of Claim 1, wherein said first and second blade members each consist of a single piece of material.

15. A device for removing lice and nits from affected hair and scalp of an individual, comprising:

5 first and second movable blade members;  
said first blade member including a plurality of first saw teeth;  
said second blade member including a plurality of second saw teeth; and  
means for movably retaining said first and second blade members parallel and  
adjacent to one another with their respective first and second teeth in opposition and  
10 parallel planes along their respective longitudinal axes, whereby said blade members  
can be selectively moved toward one another to cause their teeth to closely overlap with  
hairs captively held in capture regions formed therebetween, said first and second teeth  
being configured to thereafter provide via combing action a scraping action against the  
entrapped hairs for removing lice and nits therefrom.

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16. The device of Claim 15, wherein the apexes of the first saw teeth are arranged  
with opposing apexes of the second saw teeth in offset planes from one another,  
whereby said capture regions are diamond shaped.

20 17. The device of Claim 15, wherein the movably retaining means further comprises:  
a first elongate element extending away from the first blade member;

a second elongate element extending away from the second blade member; and  
a pivot connecting an intermediate portion of the first elongate member to an  
intermediate portion of the second elongate member to provide scissor vise-like  
movement.

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18. The device of Claim 17, wherein the first and second blade members are  
oriented at an angle to the first and second elongate elements, respectively.

19. The device of Claim 18, wherein the angle is 90°.

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20. The device of Claim 15, wherein the capture regions are each diamond-shaped.